REMARKS

The application is to be amended as previously set forth in an effort to conform more closely to U.S. practice. All amendments and claim cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Generally, the amendments cancel those claims formatted for acceptance in Europe and other countries preferring a similar claim structure. The amendments do not surrender the scope of any claim as originally filed.

If questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

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